

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/05/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-22 and 24-34.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Mason on September 13, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

a/ in claim 32:

in line 1, "at least one supporting member" has been changed to -- a pair of supporting members --.

in line 1, "and" has been changed to -- ,each of the pair of supporting members --.

in lines 9-10, "at least one supporting member" has been changed to -- pair of supporting members --.

b/ cancel claim 35.

Reasons For Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art of record does not disclose nor would it be obvious to modify the art of record so as to include the limitations a pair of supporting members provided adjacent to the press unit, each of the pair of supporting members having a cooling fluid flow passage formed therein for flow of cooling fluid; and at least one cooling fluid spraying unit extending between the pair of supporting members configured to be in fluid communication with the pair of supporting members so as to spray the cooling fluid supplied through the cooling fluid flow passages toward faces of modular ICs in an oblique direction with respect to a central plane of the at least one cooling fluid spraying unit as claimed in independent claim 1; a pair of supporting members provided adjacent to the press unit, each of the pair of supporting members having a cooling fluid flow passage formed therein for flow of cooling fluid; and at least one cooling fluid spraying unit extending between the pair of supporting members and configured to be in fluid communication with each of the pair of supporting members so as to spray the cooling fluid supplied through the cooling fluid flow passages toward faces of modular ICs in an oblique direction with respect to a central plane of the at least one cooling fluid spraying unit as claimed in independent claim 21; a pair of supporting members provided adjacent to the press unit, each of the pair of supporting members having a cooling fluid flow passage formed therein for flow of cooling fluid; and at least one cooling fluid spraying unit configured to be supported by the pair of supporting members so as to be interposed between the plurality of push bars of the press unit and configured to spray the cooling fluid supplied through the cooling fluid flow passage toward modular ICs connected to the test sockets of the handler as claimed in independent claim 32.

Dependent claims 2, 5-13, 18-20, 22, 24-31 and 33-34 are allowed for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claims 1, 21 and 32, from which they respectively depend.

The reasons for allowance of claims 14-17 are indicated in the previous Office action.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Communication

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh N. Tang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1971. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ha T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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